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Submitted herewith are the following:

1. Copy of a Chinese Office Action dated July 6, 2007 issued in a counterpart Chinese application;
2. IDS Form; and
3. Copies of cited publications (except for JP 56-104628).

JP 56-104628 cited in the attached Chinese Office Action was previously cited by applicants in the IDS filed January 5, 2006 and is therefore not being cited again.

USP 7,171,723 and JP 2004-141356 are counterparts application of CN 1498581A.

English language abstracts are provided for the two cited Japanese documents.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of July 6, 2007. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) and does not require a fee.

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